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In 18th June Communist broadcast accusing Americans espionage northeast, that part putting finger on Mukden American Consulate and Am ConGen as espionage agents believed to be smoke-screen to explain to world their holding Am ConGen incommunicado and practically in house arrest (see AmEmb 300 16 June to State).

There is too much truth in allegations for comfort and activities this nature will seriously hamper officially accredited information collecting agencies. One lesson that is obvious from this broadcast is that Orientals should be most carefully screened by people of long experience with Orientals before being employed as agents because the average Oriental cannot be relied upon for discretion, loyalty or integrity.

Shanghai ASTAMILAT has been frequently pestered recent months by alleged White Russians and others who claim to have been employed by ESD in Tientsin or Tsingtao and who claim money owing them for information furnished. Possibility these miserable wretches being double agents or for sale to any side too obvious to be ignored. Some may prove a source of further embarassment to the US if picked up and Communist pressure applied. Obvious way avoid such repercussions is to require covert intelligence agents operate completely underground making sure no physical evidence their activities remains behind.

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